

We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution

**A four-day summer institute for
middle and high school teachers
from Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania**

Sunday, July 11 – Wednesday, July 14, 2010

at

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, PA

A regional, residential, four-day ***We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution*** Summer Institute is being offered for middle and high school teachers from Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The Institute will be held at the Freedoms Foundation's 85-acre campus in historic Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, 25 miles from Philadelphia. We will be focusing on Units 1, 2, and 3 of the ***We the People*** materials. Teachers who have participated in prior Institutes focused on Units 4, 5 or 6 are welcome to apply.

The program will begin at noon on Sunday, July 11, will continue on Monday and Tuesday, July 12 and 13, and will conclude at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14 after a simulated congressional hearing and dinner. Some evening work is required. Room and meals are provided. The Institute will include presentations by constitutional scholars, as well as hands-on activities led by teacher-mentors, and will help teachers to prepare their students to meet state social studies and language arts standards as well as to become informed, engaged citizens.

We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution is the largest civic education program in the country. It is focused on the history and principles of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The materials are easily integrated into a civics, U.S. History or U.S. Government class, or as a stand-alone curriculum. The curriculum enhances student understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy as well as the contemporary relevance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Critical thinking exercises, problem-solving activities, cooperative learning and simulated legislative hearings help develop intellectual and participatory skills. Independent studies report that students who use the ***We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution*** materials outperform other students on political knowledge and philosophy and are more politically tolerant than students who use traditional textbooks and teaching approaches.

Participating teachers will receive curriculum materials and certificates for 30 hours of professional development. Teachers also may request a free classroom set of ***We the People*** textbooks, which includes 30 student textbooks and teacher's guide.

The Institute is free; however, a refundable \$50 check is required to reserve your place. Applications are due **May 6, 2009**. For additional information about this or other civic and history education programs, contact your state ***We the People*** coordinator:

Delaware: Patricia Quann at delrecntr@aol.com

New Jersey: (732) 445-3413 or civiced@njclre.rutgers.edu, or visit our website at <http://civiced.rutgers.edu>.

Pennsylvania: Jason Raia at jraia@ffvf.org

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Application Form

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Name _____

School _____

School Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Work Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Email

What grade and courses will you be teaching during the
2009-2010 school year?

Number of years teaching _____

Would you like to apply to receive graduate credit?

_____ YES _____ NO

Please complete and return this form, together with your
resume and a letter of support from your social studies
supervisor or principal and a \$50 refundable registration
fee made out to "Freedoms Foundation," by May 6, 2010
to: Freedoms Foundation, 1601 Valley Forge Rd,
Phoenixville, PA 19460.